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BOOK REVIEWS.

CHRONICLES OF THE CAPE FEAR RIVER 1660-1916. JAMES SPRUNT, SECOND EDITION, RALEIGH. Edwards & Broughton Printing Company, 1916, pp. XI, 732, with portrait and several maps.

The first edition of this valuable book met with such a gratifying reception that Mr. Sprunt has been induced to issue another with many additions and such corrections as were needed. The work gives in great detail and in a most interesting manner the history of the Cape Fear region, including the early explorations, the Indians, the settlements and their growth, pre-Revolutionary agitation, the Revolution, and the later history down to the present day. The narrative history is throughout enlivened by biographical notices, studies of social conditions and other information necessary to a full and vivid picture of the history of the section and of its people. The book has an interest extending far beyond the Cape Fear Section or the State of North Carolina.

A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. BY EDWARD CHANNING, VOL. IV, 1789-1815. New York. The Macmillan Company, 1917, pp. 575, with five maps.

The merits of Dr. Channing's history are by this time so well known that it is only necessary to note the appearance of this volume. The period it covers—from the inauguration of Washington to the Treaty of Ghent—was the most critical in our history, and its story, told as Dr. Channing tells it, can never fail of absorbing interest. The last pages, treating of the Hartford Convention, are of especial interest at this time. With even the mildest statement of its action, it does not seem to the man-in-the-street that the members were much less enemies to their country than the crowd of Socialists and Anarchists which recently met in Chicago.

ADDRESSES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. BY JAMES KEITH FAUQUIER. Privately printed, 1917, Richmond, Va., pp. 87, with portrait.

No man in Virginia is more beloved and honored by his fellow-citizens than the author of these addresses, and no man has served his